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FOOLISH MR. STEAD.

While there is a strong likelihood that December will insist upon the United States Government's right to build the icaragua Canal as an American canal. this fact should not contain that menace of war with Great Britain now proclaimed by Mr. Stead as its certain pos-

reduced to a choice between fighting and Killing a guest with kindness is anyeating humble pie. There is no necessity for either performance as the situation esents itself to a mind not acutely ectional All that will be necessary on the part of England, if we shall properly ist upon the Nicaragua Canal being an American canal, will be to look the truth in the face and confess that this is an American right.

Mr. Stead possesses to a singular de-gree the knack of being sensational. He is exercising that knack now in a most sible manner. War between the United States and Great Britain is, logically, one of the remotest of probabilities. It will not be possible, indeed, in the near future, unless such agitators as Mr. tred find it possible to inflame the minds of the two peoples into an antag-mism as foolish as it is dangerous.

NO TIME FOR DELAY.

Again is the Municipal Assembly the enter of World's Fair interest. Until the bills authorizing the use of the three parks for a World's Fair site is passed the Commissioners will make no selec-

Now that the National Commission has organised, the next business of the members is to choose a site. To be free from the compulsion of private combinations the local company must have the option of using the ground included in the Carondelet, Forest and O'Fallon parks and adjacent thereto. The last Municipal Assembly passed a bill authorizing their use, but Mayor Ziegenhein saw fit to change his position and vetoed the meas-

St. Louis now has a new Mayor. The majority of the members of the Municipal Assembly are new. Their friendship for the Fair can be expressed in no better way than by repassing the bill with all possible expediency. For the time being the bill is the most important before either branch of the city government. The progress of the World's Fair will be delayed until the measure is enacted in-

## PORTO RICAN CONDITIONS.

behalf of the people of that island.

If, as this report declares, Porto Rico is now in a worse condition than when able growth of timber then the people under Spanish rule, the blame for this fact must of necessity rest upon the Goverament which has superseded Spain in the sovereignty of Porto Rico. It may not fairly be regarded as accidental that such a development has taken place dur-ing the two years of American ownership and control.

The Porto Rican tariff bill, passed at the dictation of the Sugar Trust, has necessarily worked to the injury of the people of Porto Rico, inasmuch as it imtry, while Porto Rico was, at the same time, deprived of her old trade advantages with Spain. In addition, Mr. Borda charges that the Hollander revenue law pecially to the rum industry, which is semiannual festivities. They are times the principal industry of Porto Rico. that try men's souls.

hould be an earnest attempt on the part of the administration to bring

THEST. LOUIS REPUBLIC on trial before the world in its administration of the affairs of its new possessions. It is also, and peculiarly, in honor bound to deal fairly with the Porto Ricans, who welcomed American sovereignty as a promised blessing. The first Porto Rican experience of this "blessing" should not consist of a de- and compare notes on progress of housestruction of Porto Rican industries and cleaning with her next-door neighbor. the destitution of the people of Porto | She can't discuss for hours and hours Rico.

> PICTURE OF HUMANITY. There is practical merit in the sugges-

1.5 tion of the National Commission to the SUBURBS. effect that the World's Fair of 1903 should present a great and comprehen- covered a suspicious-looking bug near sive ethnological show as one of the prominent features.

it combines in one central theme, so to This wife can't even weigh the pros and speak, the two most necessary attributes | cons relative to the precedence that cerof a World's Fair-instruction and en- tain rooms shall take over others. The tertainment. In the opening years of the mental exhibaration felt over the suc-Twentieth Century there could be no consful solution of the picture-hanging more valuable study than that of the various races existing on the globe at this period of the world's history. And unquestionably a more picturesque world- ity. With eight short hours of well-cengathering is impossible than that which would contain representatives of every people under the sun, assembled together in the dawn of a new age.

The one great requisite, of course, to the success of this proposed World's Fair feature is that it be made so complete that no racial member of the human family of to-day shall fail of reprehave its delegates at such a convention of humanity. In so far as is possible, the life of every people must be shown in miniature. The result of the adequate carrying out of this idea is fascinating o contemplate, even in fancy. It would make the World's Fair of 1903 profoundly interesting and marvelously picturesque. Its value to the student of man-

kind would be incalculable. The members of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission have made a most worthy and promising World's Fair suggestion. The possibilities of a vast ethnological exhibit, as one of the basic ideas of the World's Fair, should into execution, it would differentiate the World's Fair of 1903 from all other World's Fairs, and would insure an enmatic interest as to be epochal in its sig- | fact, more than all else, that the danger

DON'T FOUNDER THEM. President McKinley's request that the Cuban delegates now in Washington be not wined and dined to excess constitutes a sensible protest against an exaggerated hospitality which threatens more of injury than benefit to its recip-

The President's warning is based upon the regrettable fate of General Garcia, the Cuban patriot, whose death was hastened by the social dissipations in which he was compelled to indulge when he visited Washington at the termination the American Congress to convene next of the war with Spain. It is hoped that so much attention will not be paid to the gentlemen who now come to confer with the President concerning the establishment of satisfactory relations between Cuba and the United States.

The proper course toward these Cuban visitors is dictated by common sense and Nor should it mean, as Mr. Stead be- ordinary good breeding. Let's be friendthing but kind treatment. Go slow in entertaining the delegates from the Cuban Constitutional Convention. Cuba merely expects us to deal with her in a fair and friendly spirit-certainly not to "founder" her representatives by overfeeding and drinking when there are so many more important things awaiting their attention.

FORESTS AND FLOODS.

While the rise in the rivers and small streams of the Ohio Valley has been larger this year than for many years, the flood time of the Ohio Valley, like that of the River Nile, is an annual occurrence for which the rapacity of man is alone responsible.

Forest denudation has made floods an accompaniment of the early spring rains. During the past fifty years the forests of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia have gradually disappeared until the hillsides are bare. Fires have taken away the undergrowth. Cleared land. where once a mat of trees and smaller vegetation was the rule, has made the sloping ground the birthplace of floods.

Warnings have been sent out by the Government. The Department of Agriculture has repeatedly pointed out that the razing of the forests would produce the inevitable results that are now being felt by the people along the rivers and gulleys. With no absorbent on the ground, the water can do nothing else than slip off with quick current to the natural waterways.

The accumulation of these rains with in short periods of time runs off the bare ground. A surplus must find an outlet. The excess of water this year is not so very much above many previous years, but the lesson that has been taught by the swollen rivers, families made home less, manufacturing concerns stopped and the thousand and one other losses incident to the flood is one that should have been learned twenty years ago.

That Pennsylvania realizes the danger may be seen from the fact that large appropriations have been made for forest preservation within the last two There is a very serious indictment years. Congress has greatly enlarged against the United States Government this division of the Agricultural Departin the report on Porto Rican conditions ment. Scientific treatment of the formade by Mr. Wenceslao Borda, Jr., in ests is the order of the day. The waste is being stopped. When the billsides have again been covered with a reason of the valleys will not be subjected to floods.

KANSAS CRUELTY. It is hard to see how the Kansas hus band improved matters in his household by cleaning the six rooms of his domicile in eight hours. He has probably only shifted the dissatisfaction that has hitherto existed in his own mind to that of

his good wife. According to the reports from Atchison, this husband was worried for six days both in the spring and fall by the uncongenial atmosphere incident to housecleaning. Every man knows what the experience is-that is, if he pretends is proving disastrous in its working, es- to sleep and eat at home during these

> starvation prevail. So this unhappy husband informed his

scoffed and in a moment of scorn said that it was impossible. He did do the work, did it right and ate a hearty sup-

per at half past 6 o'clock. But think of the joy that has been taken away from the wife's heart. No longer can she hang over the back fence the advisability of taking up the parlor carpet in preference to using a new "cleaner" that some agent has been distributing.

When her neighbor tells of the surprise and mortification she felt when she disthe bedpost, the proud satisfaction will be taken away from his wife of express-The attractiveness of this idea is that ing the utmost ignorance of such things. problem is gone.

In fact, this Atchison woman has lost one of the chief prerogatives of feminintered effort her husband has removed her from the charmed circle of blissful ignorance of how things should be done.

BE WARNED IN TIME.

Russell Sage, one of the oldest and shrewdest of Wall street's financiers, describes the present condition of the stock market as "the wildest he has seen since sentation. Every tribe of earth must 1857," and points out certain of its phases which demand the attention of cautious investors.

One especial fact of the existing situation dwelt upon by Mr. Sage is that the bull sentiment has had the effect of advancing some stocks which in themselves do not furnish proof of their deserving the confidence thus manifested. There are many stocks, Mr. Sage says, that never paid or earned a dividend which yet to-day are selling above par.

This is exactly the danger which was recently pointed out by The Republicthat the bull spirit in a great upward movement invariably leads to foolish investment in poor securities, for which be earnestly investigated. Properly put prices out of all proportion to their worth are paid. It is this tendency, also, which makes more certain the inevitable slump following a pronounced and protertainment so absorbing in human dra- longed bull market. And it is in this of panic is found in the event of a marked reaction.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and nowhere more so than in the stock market. The way to prevent panics is to prevent inflation and overtrading. Wise folk will not be carried away by the magnetism of the speculative advance now being scored on Wall street. The country is solid and prosperous, but that is no reason for believing that the time has come to get rich quick by buying whatever stocks may be offered for sale. Go slow. The stock of a concern that has never paid or earned a dividend is no better now than before the bull movement began.

That New York attorney who expects to find an heir to the throne of Servia on a Kansas farm has a hard job before him. Considering the fact that there has not been a drought in the Sunflower State for four years, the sacrifice would be too great.

There is reason to believe that the sev enteen Lieutenants who have been appointed in the regular army from Mis souri will get a bit more pay than the eighteen Lieutenant Colonels whom Governor Dockery has recently named.

Congressman Tawney is a man of parts. Besides being the guest of honor at the World's Fair banquet, the millers dined him and the railroad men gave him a gold-headed cane, all for services rendered in Congress.

For the information of the women who met Lieutenant Hobson two years ago the statement that his ruby lips are not now incumbered with a mustache should be of unusual interest.

Twenty-five per cent more cotton has been planted in the Indian Territory than ever before. It may be taken as decided that the planters will wear silk after the barvest.

Chicago members of the Illinois Legis lature who voted for the World's Fair appropriation are gentlemen-from the crowns of their heads to the soles of

City officials of Eureka, Ill., who will

serve without pay because of the financial condition of the town, are not expected to give up the "Hon." before their Mayor Welis's proposed reform of the

city institutions cannot be begun too promptly or made too thorough. They are a disgrace to St. Louis.

It is telegraphed out that Thomas B Reed had to introduce himself to a Federal official in New York City. Who is this Thomas B. Reed?

It would make old Knocker Ananias supremely happy if the vaudeville syndicate should defeat the Exposition li-

St. Louis now enters the most prosperous era of its history, thanks to the World's Fair movement and those who have supported it.

While protesting against overdining the Cuban delegates President McKinley should remember also that taffy is very indigestible. Another effort to pass a river and har-

bor bill will be made at the next session of Congress, Carter of Montana will not be present. Citizens who are asking for a park in front of Union Station will need do some

If you have not paid your World's Fair assessment you are "shy" to just that extent in your duty. Ante up and look leasant.

missionary work on the confines of the

Corn King Phillips seems determined that his antagonists in the big Chicago deal shall yet be reduced to living on

Coast-country farmers of Texas have avenue, all kinds of wild thoughts came into received over \$50,000 for their cabbage my head. Ideas sprung up of committing crop. Some Texans have no oil on the

Illinois is evidently determined to gain shout a change for the better in Porto wife that he could and would do the all the profit legitimately possible from the United States Government is work in one day of eight hours. She a World's Fair held right at her borders.

other. Even as I was dismissing as unworthy son?"

COQUELIN LECTURES TO STUDENTS OF HARVARD.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Boston, Mass., April 26.—Constant Coquelin lectured in Sanders's Theater at Harvard Thursday afternoon on "Art and the Comedian." The faculty of the university gave him a warm reception. Professor Charles Eliot Norton, in introducing M. Coquelin, referred to him as "the inheritor and transmitter of the best traditions Le omedie Francaise."

"The exact position of the comedian has not yet been settled in the public mind," said M. Coquelin. "The comedian is an artist and has a place in the state just as all other citizens. The question, then, is What is art? He termed it the interpretation of nature, nd the comedian did this when he gave

the first interpretation and realization of a character-a role. dian has the same object in view as has woman-his object is to please. Not only oes the actor who is filled with good-tem pered thought is happy within himself and wishes to make the world smile, desire to please, but he is filled as well with high and noble instincts and wants to give the public delicacy of thought mingled with merri-

ment.
"He seeks to charm by depicting the beautiful. He transports by grand spectacies while provoking a healthy laugh only the representation of what you know to be

RESISTING A TAX. Contends That Franchise Value of

WESTERN UNION

Jefferson City, Mo., April 28 .- The only ause argued before the Supreme Court in Bane Friday was that of State ex rel. Gottlieb vs. Western Union Telegraph Company a suit by the County Collector of Jackson County to recover the sum of \$1,027.22 as taxes due said county for the year 1899.

Company Is Not Assessable-

Before Supreme Court.

The company refused payment on the ground that the assessment by the State Board of Equalization was erroneous in that the franchise value of the company in this State, assessed at \$856,400.56, was not a proper subject of assessment and taxation in Missouri.

It was contended for the company that its franchise emanates from the Federal Government, that it is exercising a governmental agency, and that it should, therefore, be freed from such tax. The case was tried below before Judge John W. Henry, who sustained the company's view upon this proposition. This assessment was made under section 9387, R. S. 1889.

The case was presented to the court by Hunter M. Meriwether of Kansas City, E. C. Slevin of St. Louis and Assistant Attorney General Sam B. Jeffries on the part of the Collector, while the Western Union was represented by Messrs. Dickson & Smith of St. Louis and Messrs, Karnes New, Hall & Krauthoff of Kansas City. The suit does not necessarily involve the general powers of the State to tax the franchises of corporations licensed or chartered by the State, but the question is as to the taxation of Federal franchises under the State law of 1839. Other proceedings were as follows: Barthold vs. Holladay-Klotz Land and

Lumber Company: motion to transfer to St. Louis Court of Appeals filed by respond-Chenoweth vs. Pacific Express Company: notion to transfer to Kansas City Court of

Appeals filed by respondent. Graff vs. Ward; motion to affirm filed by respondent.

The case of State ex inf. Attorney General vs. Kinkade; the proceeding to oust the County Clerk of Harrison County under the corrupt practices act, was continued to await the report of the commission, which

s now engaged in taking the evidence.

Demands Recount of Votes. REPUBLIC SPECIAL Lebanon, Ill., April 26.—Edward C. Mueller has filed in the County Court of St. Clair College and the County proceedings to contest the election ers' Association.

my old home in Scotland it is nothing unus-

ual for those who are about to die to be-

come, as I have been this evening, able to

converse with those who have preceded

them to the dread world beyond the grave.

Whether I be fey or no, to relieve the aw-

ful state of tension of my nerves I will put

it all down just as it has occurred. Should

I be alive at this time to-morrow I will tear

up these lines, for then I shall know that I

have merely been the victim of some extra-

ordinary hallucinations, the outcome of my

I will begin by copying down my beloved

Gertrude's letter, received by me at 6

"Dear, Dear Jack-If Luigi kills me for it

I must see you once again before I am mar-

ried to-morrow. I have contrived matters

so that I shall be absolutely alone in my

sister's house in West Thirty-third street

between 9 and 10 to-night. Come to me

then, dear, and bring me some carnations,

They are the first flowers you ever gave to

me-as they probably will be the last. I

can show you the old ones dried in my escri-

toire now, and many a time have I wept

bitterly over them since that wicked woman

came between us, with her anonymous let-

ters to my father. And those that you bring

me to-night I will wear upon my heart to-

morrow-that unhappy heart which will

never beat for any but you. Come then,

dear, dearest love, at 9 o'clock, to say fare-

well for life to your loving and despairing

I thought for awhile after receiving her

loving lines-aye, thought bitterly, bitterly

upon the terible folly of my past. I re-

called with unavailing regrets the devilish

madness to which I had been a victim when

for the mere gratification of a momentary

passion, I had done that which had wrecked

my whole life. I might have known all

along that a woman of the cruel nature of

Julie Descartes would never have been con-

tent with winning me for the sake of love

alone, but that she would surely make use

of the proofs of my weakness to triumph

over and crush that pure, true soul that

she knew was devoted to me, the beautiful

girl whom she had hated so unjustly for

years past. Gertrude's wrecked life and my

own could not now be changed. Her coming

marriage to-morrow with Prince Luigi Lu-

dovict is the sole theme of the evening

papers. All I could do, therefore, was to go

and get the flowers she asked for, take

them to her and in giving them, say fare-

well-ah! God! farewell to all I hold dear,

As, well before the time appointed for our

neeting, with the bunch of carnations in

my hand, I desperately paced down Fifth

some fatal action at my forthcoming inter-

view which should make it impossible for

Gertrude ever to become the bride of an-

either in this world or any other.

"GERTRUDE."

overwrought feelings.

o'clock this evening:

WARNINGS OF JOHN FARQUHARSON.

A WEIRD LOVE STORY.

By Andrew Haggard.

I suppose I must be fey to-night, but in | and unmanly the idea of this terrible re-

is a spectacle, then we entertain them no longer."

In dealing with the relation of the comedian to society. M. Coquelin sketched the history of the stage from earliest times. He referred at length to the present friendly attitude of the church, then made a plea for the elevation of comedy. He said:

"The comedian must certainly be responsible for what he says and does or he must suffer. The actor is responsible for the abolication of the dignity of his art, often because he is commanded by his poet. But, if there be an abasement, it is not against him that we must direct our shafts, but against the form of art which has made this debasement necessary to the theater everywhere, and you should not exempt from excommunication the dramatic author nor the actor who lend us their houses to let us come before you. But I deny that there is an abasement merely because there are abdications. The comedian guards his principal dignity, remains a man and is an artist."

the truth. He searches the authorities and the traditions connected with the character for materials which shall aid him to truly interpret it. He sees it, grasps it, inhabits

for materials which shall aid him to truly interpret it. He sees it, grasps it, inhabits it, loves it—he no longer belongs to himself. It is this which makes the true actor. "As to realism, the comedian must be careful not to destroy the illusions of the theater. The pleasure felt in a theater is made up certainly of illusions; and if by the force of so-called reality or artifice we make the spectators absolutely forget there is a spectacle, then we entertain them no longer."

St. Louis Is Settled.

his mother.

About four years ago John B. Arnold and his wife separated, the boy, Earl, being their only child. Some time after their separation the boy was turned over to Mrs. Isabell Thompson, mother of John B. Arnold

short rest, took the boy away and did not return.

The mother and the grandmother were finally brought together, and, after talking the matter over, the mother agreed to surrender the child to Mrs. Thompson, which she did at Harnsburg Friday.

Miners Will Be Without Work.

Governor Vetoes Two Bills.

Building Association Assigns. REFUBLIC SPECIAL

venge, which I was meditating upon Ger-

trude's flance and Gertrude's father, the

author of all my misery, the first of a

series of shocks occurred which have con-

vinced me to-night that I am indeed fey,

meaning by the word fey able to see and

Among the number of bicyclists, both

male and female, flitting along swiftly upon

the asphalt, I somehow found my attention

suddenly rigidly fixed upon one in particu-

lar, a woman who was approaching me

very quickly. As I stood upon the edge of

the curbstone at the corner of Forty-third

street and Fifth avenue I saw, even at a

distance, that she was indeed remarkable;

for she was dressed in a black silk evening

gown, cut low. I looked up and down the

wide avenue, but, to my surprise, none of

the passers-by seemed to notice anything

unusual about the woman. In fact, none of

As my eyes sought hers I uttered an ex-

clamation of fear, for I plainly recognized

in the beautiful woman before me none

other than Ada Beauchamp, formerly the

maddest of all madcaps in London, at whose

tragic death in a ballroom I myself was

present. I had been her very dearest friend,

for upon one occasion I had been the for-

tunate means of saving her from the very

serious consequences of her own mad folly.

dead? Did I not actually see you die sud-

denly at Lady Delafosse's in Curzon

"Now, don't stare like that, Jack. There,

feel my hand; do I look like a spirit? I as-

sure you, if I ever am a spirit I am a very

thoroughly materialized human being at

present, and what's more, am hungry and

thirsty into the bargain; so I want you to

take me to supper at Sherry's, which res-

taurant I have never seen, for this is the

first time I have ever been in New York in

my life-at least-what am I saying?" she

corrected herself merrily. "There I was born

would be a better way of expressing myself.

Now, come, wake up, Jack," and she shook

"Ada," I replied, solemnly, "whether you

are dead or whether you are living, I can-

not come with you to Sherry's to-night, for

I have an appointment, a very important ap-

pointment, indeed, at 9 o'clock in the other

"Oh, yes, of course, with the young lady

of the carnations; you are, as usual, an in-

corrigible firt! Jack. You had far better

leave other men's flancees alone to-night,

however, and come with me. Now, look

here, Jack," she added wheedlingly, "you

once did me a very good turn. How do you

not know that I may not, at infinite trouble

to myself, have come straight from-well

from somewhere a long way off, just on

cannot, indeed, dear Ada; I must leave you

with deep regret and Peartfelt thanks to

you for coming to me thus from the dead,

"Is that your last word, Jack Farguhar

purpose to pay you my debt?"

But I was resolute. "I cannot come;

my arm playfully.

but I must go."

"Ada!" I said, "Ada! Are you then not

them even turned a head to look at her.

converse with the spirits of the dead.

of Professor Fred Pesold to the city treas-urership of Lebanon. The returns showed Pesold's election by a plurality of two votes Muclier asks that the votes be recounted.

MOTHER PARTS WITH HER SON. Habeas Corpus Case Brought in

The habeas corpus suit filed in the St. Louis Circuit Court some time ago to recover the possession of Earl Arnold, the f-year-old son of John B. Arnold of Carrier Mills, Ill., by his divorced wife, was settled at Harrisburg, Ill., Friday, the child being turned over to his grandmother by his mother.

Two years ago Mrs. Arnold obtained a divorce and a decree for the care and custody of the child, but as the boy was at that time living in Illinois it was contended that the court had no jurisdiction in disposing of him.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bloomington, Ill., April 26.—An extensive cave-in in the air shaft of the mine of the McLean Country Coal Company in this city has rendered it nedessary to suspend operations. Three weeks or a month will be required to make the necessary repairs, during which time the mine will be idle, and 500

Henderson, Ky., April 26.—The Henderson Building and Loan Association, one of the oldest concerns of the kind in the State, made an assignment here Friday, with liabilities about \$17.000. No schedule has been filed and the assets are unknown, though it is believed the concern will pay dollar for dollar.

Arbor Day Observed. Eureka, Ill., April 24.—Arbor Day was appropriately observed here, the exercises being under the united auspices of Eureka College and the Woodford County Teach-

Last November the mother of the boy in-duced Mrs. Thompson to bring him to St. Louis. The mother met the grandmother and Earl at Union Station, and, after seat-ing the old lady in the waiting-room for a short rest, took the boy away and did not return.

Austin, Tex., April 26.—Governor Sayers Friday vetoed two bills. One of them was appropriating \$10,000 for the enlargement of the State's iron pipe manufactory at Rusk Penitentiary. The other restores fees of certain county and precinct officers to the figures prior to the act of 1897 reducing fees.

houses or effects swept from view. Many were knocked down by the monster missiles of ice. Fragments of some of the ice picked up at 2 o'clock Friday, twenty hours after they fell, measured 1½ inches in diameter, with the temperature at 80.

yards from their position.

and debris.

HAIL AND WATER

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

place as an axial point.

in the nature of a waterspout.

are out.

impassable.

**CAUSE GREAT HAVOC.** 

Homes, Seven Bridges and Four

Miles of Railway Track Swept

Away in a Cloudburst.

Seligman, Mo., April 26.-A terrific storm

of hail and water visited this locality

Thursday night. Seven bridges and four

miles of track on the St. L. & N. A. R. R.

Telegraph and telephone lines are down

and rail and wagon roads east of here are

Eureka Springs, Harrison and Intermedi-

ate points are entirely cut off from their

means of communication.

The storm opened with a cloudburst of

hall, and in an hour destroyed every vestige

of fruit within an area of five miles, ex-

tending northeast and southwest, with this

East of here in the Ozarks the storm wa

Butler Creek became a torrent which swept away the six bridges spanning it.

Four miles of track, with numerous dump

and dykes, went with them. Steel rails

were snapped like glass or twisted into

fantastic shapes and curves by the tremen-

dous force of the flood.

The first bridges and sections of track be

came battering rams against every succeed-

Sections of track were carried a mile of

more only to be planted in some garden

patch and there buried under tons of stone

Several steel rails, without ties or floating

material attached, were found hundreds of

Inhabitants of the valleys fied to higher

must say good-by then and go away sup perless, and never, never now shall I see the inside of Sherry's after all. But we shall meet again soon, yes, very soon. Farewell, Jack."

"Well, you pig-headed man, I suppose

"Yes, Ada, it is my last word."

Before I could say another word she picked up the bicycle, mounted, gave a little saucy nod of her head and wheeled rapidly down the avenue.

I reached the corner of Thirty-third street and passed by the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The lights were lit in every window and the windows in the dining-room were open. I gazed in at all the happy parties of fair women and gay young fellows, and thought sadly how I it was who was alone out in the dark; yes, left alone out in the dark for-

Forgetting the time, in my anxiety to reach Gertrude's side. I was hurrying along when a clock rang out the hour. It was only half past 8. Gertrude had told me to come at 9 only, and from where I stood I could see no signs of lights in her sister's house. I wandered on down West Thirtythird street. As I was passing the door of the Waldorf I met a young giant clad in British uniform, the khaki uniform we had worn in the Soudan. He wore a helmet and puggaree of khaki likewise, and had strapped across his shoulders the ordinary Sam Brown belt, to which was attached his revolver case and sword.

"Oh, ripping! Jack Farquharson! Ripoing!" exclaimed the young warrior, and before I could recover from my astonish ment my hand was seized in a grip of iron and I found myself confronted by my old comrade in arms, Grahame Robertson, son of the famous old family, the Robertsons of Struan, whom I had years before seen shot down by my side in the terrible conflict at McNeill's Zariba.

"I was looking for you. old man," he exclaimed cheerly with his old hearty guf-

"I knew I should find you here or here abouts, and was just going in to have a drink with our new Anglo-Saxon allies before coming to fetch you. Now you comdown with me straight to the Fifth Avenue Hotel, or my name's not Grahame Robert. "Is not, or was not, Grahame?" I re-

marked, "for I suppose you know I saw

you killed at Tofrek. What have you come here for to-night? I cannot come with you now, anyway." "Killed be d-d." remarked Graham locularly. "Do I look like a deader? But no matter what I've come from, I've come o look after you, that's sure, and so that's all about it. I know you're after some girl.

as usual, and I could smell those carnations

you've got for her a mile away. But I say, old man, you can spare just one for an old pal, can't you?" At the corner of West Thirty-first street I tried to stop him, but he still dragged me on. "Grahame," I cried at last, "if ever I was a good comrade to you in days gone by, have mercy on me now. I must, indeed must, leave you; by all that's holy I mus leave you. I have no time to explain that I

"Oh yes, I know, to the only girl you ever loved. Well, sonny, I came here tonight from 'the other side of Byant,' as the Irishmen say, begor, on purpose to prevent your little girl, that isn't yours now, by the same token, but the other fellow's. For h you do have it you will not be alive this

have only one hour left me to say good-by

BY FIRE, WAS 100 YEARS OLD.

WELLS MANSION, DESTROYED

Ruins of the old Wells Mansion at Wellston, Mo., burned last Tuesday morning.

Photographed by George Percival.

purchased by Mr. Wells. For the last five years it had been occupied by a man named Hogan, who conducted a boarding-house. Some of the best families of St. Louis lived The old Wells mansion, which was destroyed by fire Monday night, was one of the landmarks of St. Louis city and county. It was erected 100 years ago by a man named Kienlen. In 1868 it was purchased by Erastus Wells, father of Mayor Wells, and occupied by him until his death in 1893.

there during the summer. It was also a fa-vorite resort for actors who appeared durccupled by him until his death in 1893.

Mayor Wells passed his boyhood days there.

The building contained thirty-two rooms and was extensively remodeled after it was 1000 insurance on the house. APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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Members of State Board of Health

Jefferson City. April 25.—The appointments below were made by Governor Dockery Friday:
State Board of Health—B. G. Dysart, Faris, Monroe County; A. W. McAlester, Columbia, Boone County; W. F. Morrow, Kansas City, Jackson County, J. T. Thatcher, Oregon, Holt County.

Doctor Dysart of Monroe County is a physician and surgeon of eminence, and was surgeon of Cockreil's Brigade during the Civil War.

Doctors McAlester, Morrow and Thatcher are physicians of State reputation.

The members of the State Board of Health whose terms do not now expire, and who continue in office, are: Doctor C. B. Elkins, Ozark, Christian County; Doctor D. T. Powell, Thayer, Oregon County, and Doctor E. L. Standlee, St. Louis.

Coal Oil Inspectors—W. P. Conger, Linneus, for the county of Linn, term of two years, from April 26, 1901. C. W. Whitmore, for city of Unionville, term of two years, from February 4, 1901. J. M. Wolfe, for city of Tarkio, term ending July 2, 1902, vice Lee Z. Emmert, removed from the city Laws Watson, for city of Columbia, term of two years, from April 29, 1901.

FALLS AND BREAKS HER NECK!

Mary Smith Instantly Killed by Plunge Downstairs.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

New Haven, Mo., April 28.—Mary Smith,
a young lady residing at Beemont, southwest of here, fell down a flight of stairs
at the home of her parents Friday morning
and broke her neck. Death resulted instantly.

A. A. Selkirk & Co.'s Regular Saturday sale takes place every Saturday morning at 10:20 o'clock at their salesrooms, 1508-10-12 Chouteau avenus. Instead of furniture, carpets, stoves and other miscellaneous articles are sold at very nominal figures.

Weddings at Heyworth.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Heyworth, Ill., April 26.—Edgar W. Law and Miss Anna B. McComb were married Friday by the Reverend F. E. Johnson. Adelbert Liscom of Rock Island, Ill., and Miss Della Potts of Heyworth were married by the Reverend A. J. Ives.

time to-morrow, as sure as we once fought side by side in Egypt." Despite this second extraordinary warning could think still of nothing but my lost

love and my appointment with her. Therefore at the very door of the Fifth Avenue Hotel I wrung my old comrade's hand and left him. He looked sadly after me with his piercing blue eyes. I left Broadway and went up Fifth avenue once more. Here another wonderful surprise awaited me. As I was rapidly passing the door of Delmonico's I saw in of me a tall but bent figure, covered with an Inverness cape, with a plaid hanging

from the shoulder, and crowned with a

large Balmoral bonnet. I could not pass,

for in the very light of the doorway the

wayfarer paused and, leaning on his caken

staff, confronted me. Heavens, it was my own father this time who had come back from the grave to seek me. Yes, the old Laird himself. And it was full fifteen years ago since I had followed him to his grave in the auld kirkyard o' Drumesk. "John, my son," said he, without any other greeting, "I'm glad I'm in time to wars ye. For, as sure as death's death, if ye gang ye're gate, to see you lassle o' yours morn. Now come wi' me, John, and show

me the sights of this great ceety. I'm no'

too old yet to see a bittle mair o' the warld." The old man drew my arm through his and pressed it affectionately against his side. This last warning was too much for me, and the sight and presence of my father, who had been dead for so many years, touched me to the quick. I burst into tears. "Oh, father, father!" I cried. "Do not think me an undutiful son, I pray you, but I cannot obey your bidding. Oh, father, she whom I love more than life is waiting for me, and I must go to bid her farewell, a

farewell forever. "Then go, laddle, go! A Farquh should aye be true to his lave: it's in the traditions of his race. But gie us yer han', laddle; ye'll be wi' me the morn sure as death, ay, as sure as death."

Wringing my hand, my father turned a left me. I know not which way he went, then I went and saw my Gertrude, my poor, dear Gertrude. What took place between us is too sacred to be written. But her last dear words to me were a prayer for my safety, for she said she felt someho vinced that her letter to me had opened by her maid, whom she su of being in the pay of the cursed Italian. And then she took the carnations and kiesed cepting one, which she left upon mine. And now that I have written it all down, I will go home, and woe be to the foe that meets me face to face to-night, for I am ready. And if death comes, as these triple warnings seem to foretell-well, let it come, for I am ready for death also. And in that case these are my last words: May God Almighty ever bless and protect my dear Ger-

The day dawned in New York, and the newspapers appeared as usual, with more than the usual sensational head this is how the columns were headed: FIFTH AVENUE RUNS WITH GORES

Mourning and Matrimony for a Mi